

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

12 June 1953

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Members: [REDACTED], CIA, Chairman  
CIA (for [REDACTED])  
John A. Lacey, State  
Stanley Wilcox, State  
H. J. Gordon, Jr., Army

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Consultants: Margaret Vallance, State  
Richard Bauer, Army

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1. Meeting convened at 1400 hours, 12 June 1953, in Room 1514 M Building.
2. Examination of USSR exploitation was begun and the following information was gathered on existing facilities:

a. JPRS (State): Joint Press Reading Service in Moscow exploits the Moscow daily press and 39 Soviet periodicals. It operates with a staff composed of four translators, two editors, four typists and a chauffeur, and produces summaries in two categories: a) international political problems; and b) domestic affairs. 83 copies of these publications are sent to the Department of State for further dissemination. 19 copies are transmitted to CIA, most remaining agencies receiving a single copy. JPRS receives only requirements from foreign missions in Moscow needing such press coverage; no requirements are served upon it from Washington. No further expansion of the service is anticipated. It is found to provide a rather specific but useful service to the intelligence community.

b. Army: USSR exploitation is limited to specific selected military publications which are covered by Service Branch, G-2. Requirements are served only by G-2, but its reports are available to Air and Navy. The Branch is staffed with 12 people, not all of whom are linguists. No expansion of this service is anticipated.

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525th Military Service Group, Fort Bragg, exploits some military publications in answer to requirements of G-2. This unit will probably be disbanded. The Army also makes use of a [REDACTED] publication which reviews Soviet military publications regularly.

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3. Agenda for the next meeting is a continuation of examination of exploitation of USSR publications.

4. Meeting was adjourned at 1545 hours, 12 June 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, 26 June 1953, in Room 1514 M Building.

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